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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: DEC. 16, 2002
Docket No. PHA 23,540A
Prior Art Unit: 2613
Prior Ex. RICHARD LEE

Sir:

This is a request for filing a:

continued prosecution application ("CPA") under 37 CFR 1.53(d)
 continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/196,574, filed on November 20, 1998 of Kiran Challapali, Richard Y. Chen for Extraction of Foreground Information for Video Conferencing.

Enclosed are copies of ** sheets of specification and * drawing sheet (all of which constitutes the specification and drawing in this application) and the Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed in the parent application.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line as a centered heading: --Cross Reference To Related Applications--; and insert below that as a new paragraph -- This is a continuation divisional of application Serial No. 09/***,***, filed **.--

An appointment of associates is enclosed.

As last amended, the title has been changed to

As last amended, the name of applicant(s) has changed to

Before calculating the filing fee, cancel in this application original claims *****.

The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THIS APPLICATION					
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[] Priority of application Serial No. **, filed on November 22, 1997 in Europe is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

[] The certified copy of the priority applications was filed in prior application Serial No. **.

[X] This application is assigned to U.S. Philips Corporation by way of the assignment filed in application Serial No. 09/196,574.

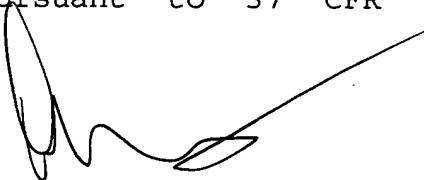
[X] Address all future communications to Corporate Patent Counsel, U.S. Philips Corporation, 580 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York 10591.

[] A preliminary amendment to this application is enclosed.

[X] Enter in this application the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 which was unentered in the prior application.

[X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

[X] An Authorization Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.



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